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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 9 December 1994

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Subjects

- Tajikistan (S/1994/1363)
- Other matters

4.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Briefing by the Secretary-General

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1289th meeting (closed)	Conference Room E

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-ninth session

10 a.m.	83rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Protection and security of small States: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/616) [74].

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/617) [75].

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space; question of the review of the Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/618) [76 and 147].

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/619) [77].

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/620) [78].

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/621) [79].

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/622) [80].

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/623) [81].

9. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/624) [82 and 18].

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/625) [83 and 12].

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/626) [84].

12. Science and peace: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/627) [85].

13. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/628) [86].

14. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/630) [148].

15. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/49/615) [18].

16. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

    (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/49/23 (Parts I-VIII), A/AC.109/1179-1183, 1185-1186, 1188-1195 and 1197);

    (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/49/492);

    (c) Draft resolutions (A/49/L.51, A/49/L.52).

3 p.m. 84th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/734) [133].

2. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/735) [134].

3. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/736) [135].

4. United Nations Decade of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/737) [136].

5. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-sixth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/738) [137].

6. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-seventh session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/739) [138].

7. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/740) [139].

8. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/741 and Corr.1) [140].

9. Question of responsibility for attacks on United Nations and associated personnel and measures to ensure that those responsible for such attacks are brought to justice: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/742) [141].

10. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/743) [142].

11. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/744) [143].

12. Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/745) [144].

13. Review of the procedure provided for under article 11 of the statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/746) [145].

14. Question of criteria for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/49/747) [157].

Informal consultations

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 37:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [37]:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (draft resolutions A/49/L.34, A/49/L.37/Rev.1, A/49/L.39/Rev.1, A/49/L.42, A/49/L.48/Rev.1 and A/49/L.50);

(e) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war stricken Afghanistan (draft resolution A/49/L.45);

(c) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (draft resolution A/49/L.29);

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on draft proposals A/C.2/49/L.48 *(item 158)*

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [88]

(b) Food and agricultural development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/49/L.40 and L.62

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.44

(g) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/49/L.27 and L.61 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/49/L.56)

Environment and sustainable development [89]

(e) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft proposals A/C.2/49/L.37/Rev.1 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/49/L.60)

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

Afternoon*- 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on draft proposals A/C.2/49/L.14, L.15, L.22 and L.35 *(item 12)*; A/C.2/49/L.49 *(item 88)*; A/C.2/49/L.34, L.36 and L.38 *(item 88 (a))*; and A/C.2/49/L.29 *(item 88 (c))*

6 p.m.**- 9 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft proposals (to be announced)

* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Second Committee.

** Subject to the availability of services.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. 61st meeting Conference Room 1

Human rights questions [100]

(e) Capital punishment

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.32/Rev.1 and proposed amendments in documents A/C.3/49/L.73/Rev.1 and L.74/Rev.1

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Continuation of introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.49 and L.51 to L.63

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 111 (Pattern of conferences (A/49/32 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3, A/49/276 and Add.1-2, A/49/212; A/C.5/49/2/Rev.1, A/C.5/49/34 and Corr.1; and A/49/531))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 31st meeting Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) [122] (A/49/540 and Add.1 and A/49/753)

2. Administrative and budgetary coordination of th United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [110] (A/49/588)

3. United Nations common system [114]

Draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.7

4. United Nations pension system [115]

Draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.6

Informal consultations

Afternoon*- 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/49/11; A/C.5/49/23, A/C.5/49/39, A/C.5/49/40, A/C.5/49/46, A/C.5/49/47, A/C.5/49/48 and A/C.5/49/49))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 105 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (A/49/16 (Parts I and II); A/C.5/49/1, A/C.5/49/28 and Add.1, A/49/336, A/49/310, A/49/98 and Corr.1 and Add.1-2, A/49/449, A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/418, A/49/560, A/49/632, A/49/423, A/49/564, A/49/633 and A/49/34)) and item 108 (Programme planning (A/49/6 (in fascicle form), A/49/16 (Parts I and II), A/49/135 and Add.1, A/49/99 and Add.1, A/49/310, A/49/301; A/C.5/49/27 and Add.1; E/1994/4 and E/1994/19))

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
4 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Integrated Management Information System
2. Internal Oversight Services

PANEL OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

TECHNICAL GROUP

Tenth meeting

9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Informal open-ended consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal open-ended consultations on the draft of the Platform for Action for the Fourth World Conference on Women (in accordance with Commission resolution 38/10 in E/1994/ 27)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 9 December 1994

GROUP OF 27 OF THE GROUP OF 77
(agenda item 37)

9 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Room CB-2B

GROUP OF 27 OF THE GROUP OF 77
(on agenda item 88)

9.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE

Morning*- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Group of 27 of the Group of 77.

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 27 OF THE GROUP OF 77
(on agenda items 87 (d), 92 and 158)

1.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE

Afternoon*- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Group of 27 of the Group of 77.

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS
ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:
CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal meeting

A meeting on United Nations System's human rights procedures, convened by the Centre for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, will take place *today*, 9 December 1994, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, 10 December 1994

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-ninth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	62nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	63rd meeting	

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	

Sunday, 11 December 1994

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-ninth session

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	

Monday, 12 December 1994

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-ninth session

10 a.m.	85th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	86th PLENARY MEETING	

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/49/1) [10].

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
6 p.m.*	closed meeting	

* Subject to the availability of services.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	64th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	65th meeting	

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	

Tuesday, 13 December 1994

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-ninth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the forty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Namibia (A/49/237);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/49/238).

10 a.m. 87th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [40]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/49/35);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/49/636-S/1994/1240);

(c) Draft resolutions (A/49/L.53, A/49/L.54, A/49/L.55, A/49/L.56).

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The PANEL OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY will hold its thirty-sixth regular session at Headquarters on 12 and 13 December 1994. The meetings will be held in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a closed meeting of the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/49/L.2 entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency" on Monday, 12 December 1994, from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

There will be a closed meeting of the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/49/L.8 entitled "Assistance in mine clearance" (agenda item 22) on Monday, 12 December 1994, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 8 December 1994

SECURITY COUNCIL

3477th meeting

The situation in Angola

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM II) (S/1994/1376)

Letter dated 7 December 1994 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1994/1395)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Angola, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item, hearing a statement by the Minister for External Relations of Angola.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution contained in document S/1994/1396.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Djibouti and the Russian Federation.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1994/1396) received 15 votes in favour and was adopted unanimously as resolution 966 (1994).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, China, Argentina, the United Kingdom, France, Oman, the United States, New Zealand and Pakistan, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Rwanda.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-ninth session

81st plenary meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: opening of the Decade [103]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/49/444, A/49/536)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/49/446)

The President made a statement.

The Assembly decided that the list of speakers in the debate on this item would be closed immediately.

Statements were made by H.E. The Honourable Peter Staples, Member of Parliament of Australia, H.E. Mrs. Ing-Lill Pavall, Vice-President of the Sami Parliament of Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), by the representative of New Zealand, by H.E. Mr. Dan Goodleaf, Deputy Minister at the Department of Indian and Northern Development of Canada, and H.E. Mr. Luis Felipe Duchicela, National Secretary for Indigenous and Ethnic Minorities Affairs of Ecuador, and by the representatives of Bolivia, Mexico and Colombia.

82nd plenary meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: opening of the Decade [103]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/49/444, A/49/536);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/49/446)

Statements were made by H.E. The Honourable William Ole Ntimama, Minister for Local Government of Kenya and Coordinator of Maasai Indigenous People, by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, Nicaragua, Chile and Guyana, by H.E. Mrs. Evdokiya Gayer, Vice-President of the Committee of the Council of the Federation of the Russian Parliament and by the representative of Brazil.

The President declared open the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

Introduction of the reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 116 (a), 122 and 123.

Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/49/755) [116 (a)]

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/49/755).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 116.

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/49/756) [122]

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/49/756).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 122.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II: report of the Fifth Committee (A/49/757) [123]

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/49/757).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 123.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 59th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [96]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Austria, Bulgaria, China, Poland, Italy, Uganda, Lithuania, Bahrain, the Republic of Korea, Israel and Belarus.

Human rights questions [100]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.38

The representative of Indonesia introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.39

The representative of Costa Rica introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Burkina Faso, Israel, Malawi, Malaysia, Netherlands and the Russian Federation had become co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.43

The representative of Sweden introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Lithuania and the United States had become co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden stated that the Russian Federation was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.44

The representative of the United States introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.45

The representative of Australia introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.46

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Albania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Marshall Islands had become co-sponsors of the draft resolution/

Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.47

The representative of Australia introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.48

The representative of Venezuela introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Andorra and the United Kingdom had become co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.50

The representative of Belgium introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that France, Togo and Ukraine had become co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

60th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [93]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of China, Turkey, Cuba, Mexico and Germany.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Human rights questions: capital punishment [100 (e)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.32 and amendments thereto, contained in documents A/C.3/49/L.73 and L.74

The representative of Italy introduced oral revisions to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, Ireland and Finland.

The representative of Singapore introduced document A/C.3/49/L.73.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Finland, Mauritania, Algeria, Ireland, India and Nigeria, as well as by the Chairman.

Following a motion by the representative of Ireland in accordance with rule 119 (a) of the rules of procedure, the meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, Egypt, India, Italy, Ireland and Algeria.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
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54th and 55th meetings

Consideration of reports [4]

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Suriname (E/1990/5/Add.20) and of Argentina (E/1990/5/Add.18).

The Committee completed its review of the implementation of the Covenant in the Dominican Republic.

The Committee adopted a statement on economic, social and cultural rights in the context of the World Summit for Social Development.

Organization of work [2]

The Committee discussed various matters.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement to establish the South Centre, opened for signature at Geneva on 1 September 1994

Signature: Yugoslavia (8 December 1994)

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Signature: Philippines (8 December 1994)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

A special event to commemorate the International Decade for Human Rights Education will be hosted by the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and the United Nations Department of Public Information, in observance of Human Rights Day. The panel discussion will take place *today*, 9 December 1994, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Mr. Samir Sanbar, Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information, will open the event. Participants include: José Ayala Lasso, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Charlayne Hunter-Gault, National Correspondent for the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour; Upandra Baxi, law professor, The American University; Ivanka Corti, Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; Shulamith Koenig, founder and Executive Director of the Organizing Committee of the People's Decade for Human Rights Education (ONG); Marta Varela, Commissioner and Acting Chair of the New York City Commission on Human Rights; and Jorge Werthein, UNESCO Representative to the United Nations.

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